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Social Side of Washington

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Washington, D. C., March 4.—This March-February week at the nation's capital was sharply divided by Ash Wednesday, that day of sackcloth and ashes, when social leaders, irrespective of creed, cease to entertain and the socially weary take a rest. The days preceding this Lenten calm were made memorable by a series of events as brilliant as any which marked the early season, and included a vice-presidential reception complimentary to the diplomatic corps, dinners at three Cabinet homes, a large tea at the home of Mrs. Edison Bradley, a beautiful Mardi Gras subscription dance for the younger set, and a beautifully appointed dinner in honor of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Sr., of Cincinnati, and

her daughter, Mrs. Wallingford, of Pittsburgh, house guests of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Count and Countess de Chamburn, of the French embassy.

The day itself was celebrated not alone by the religiously inclined, for the Congressional Club held its regular monthly meeting and installed its corps of newly-elected officers. While the women were thus engaged, the male members of their respective households were at the French embassy, for or against the seating of the most severely criticized man elected to the United States Senate in many a long day, continuing the nomination of Robert O. Bailey to fill the position of near-Secretary of the Treasury, recently vacated by Charles D. Hilles, who resigned to become secretary to the President, with a salary attachment increased 50 per cent. on the spot.

Thursday was marked socially by the reception of Mrs. Ernest W. Roberts, wife of Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, and newly installed president of the Congressional Club, to the retiring president, Mrs. A. W. Gregg, wife of Representative Gregg of Texas. Mrs. Roberts was assisted in receiving an unusually long line of callers by the other incoming and retiring members of the club, in rooms redolent of spring, from the sunshine and blossoms in every corner.

The club was again the scene of a gay gathering on Friday, when Miss Helen Nettleton, of New York and Connecticut, but formerly of this city, Miss Agnes Stadden, sister of Representative Stadden, of Texas, and the sextet of the Washington Symphony Orchestra, vandered a choice musical program, after which tea was served and a general good time enjoyed, until the clock striking 6 reminded those with dinner engagements that it was time to go home.

Thus it is seen that despite the Lenten calm which is popularly supposed to encompass Washington like a pall, society is having frequent opportunities to continue its pleasant acquaintance with the De la Barras, who are soon to renew their wedding journey, and the Argentine charge d'affaires, and Madame Villegas, whose departure for London is again deferred until the arrival of the new minister from Argentina. The latter is Senator Don Romulo D. Naoon, who until transferred to Washington has served his gov-

ernment in an official capacity in Paris. As soon as the affairs of the legation here can be turned over to him, Senator Villegas will sail with his family for London, whither he goes to become first secretary of Argentine's legation in Great Britain, and where he hopes to be established in time for the coronation festivities.

Senora de la Barra, noted as the first oride of an ambassador in this city for a time long past the memory of the ideal inhabitant, was, with Mrs. Taft, the chief actor in a pretty scene at the White House on Monday, when her children and the ambassador's sons, who are also her nephews, were entertained by the President's wife. While the women sipped tea served from the most fetching appointed tea table in the capital, and chatted in French—the visitor does not speak English—the little folk partook of some specially prepared juvenile dishes and were then taken on a "personally conducted" tour of the stately old mansion, and those in charge of their amusement secretly wished there were more objects thereabouts to interest them, as which occupied an honorable place in a cabinet in the Red Parlor during the regime of Mrs. Roosevelt, whom they were given by a former Japanese ambassador.

The ambassador from Mexico and his wife were each married before, and their combined household includes five children—his sons, aged thirteen and eleven, and hers, aged nine and six (both named for American friends). The faintest bit of humanity is baby Alphonse, aged three and a half, who dances like a fairy and has a poise that many an older person might envy.

She has traveled on three continents and been lulled to sleep in I don't know how many languages. She is, however, a perfectly normal child, and as pretty as the proverbial picture.

With the brothers, whose idol she is, she will remain at the embassy during their parents' wedding trip abroad, in charge of a corps of trusty governesses and nurses brought from their Southern republic home.

Ambassador and Senora de la Barra have engagements for every evening until March 7, the date set for a cessation of hostilities in their honor in anticipation of their departure for home.

In the latter city, the ambassador will attend to a special mission for his government, be entertained some more, and then go to Athens, where among his hosts will be the former Greek minister to Washington and his American bride, nee Cockrell, daughter of ex-Senator Cockrell, of Missouri.

This combined wedding trip and official visit will extend as far east as Constantinople and permit Senora de la Barra to return with his bride by way of Bucharest, St. Petersburg and Berlin.

In the latter place they will be house guests of United States Ambassador and Mrs. David Jayne Hill, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., but recently remembered as members of the Cabinet circle during the first Roosevelt administration.

In Paris they will be entertained by the diplomats with whom the ambassador served while attached to the Mexican embassy in that city, but they will not tarry long, because of memories connected with the death of Senora de la Barra's sister, the ambassador's wife, following a long illness which prevented her coming to Washington at the beginning of his service.

They will begin their voyage home from an English port, hence a visit to London while the coronation festivities are in progress. Washington will welcome them some time in June. Hospitality for them here will mark the days between their arrival and the silver wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Taft, which will mark the date when society may begin to fold its tent for the summer migration.

I say "begin," because if the extra session of Congress, which now seems

to be inevitable, becomes an fait accompli, "the season" will practically be without limit, and the best laid plans are mighty apt to "gang an a-giee." Half of the re-elected lawmakers and their families are already packing their bags for the ways and means to readjust their engagements to go hither and yon after to-day's constitutionally adjourned session of Congress, and yet they will not pass the legislation "demanded" by the President.

Turning from grave to gay is to mention the marriage par excellence of the week—that of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of pure food crusade fame, and Miss Anna Campbell Kelton, granddaughter of the late United States consul-general to Dresden, W. S. Campbell, and sister of Captain R. H. Kelton, U. S. A., by whom she was given in marriage. The ceremony of the Episcopal Church was read by the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, at the home of the bride. A small reception and breakfast followed. After a Northern wedding trip, Dr. and Mrs. Wiley, will live in Washington until spring opens and "the call of the wild" lures them to their farm in Virginia for the summer months.

Mrs. Champ Clark, who after to-day will be regarded in the light of "Speaker of the House of Representatives," was the guest of honor of the College Woman's Club, this week, when, as a member of the executive board of the organization, she read an original paper on "Some Politicians' Wives," which brought her a large audience and there, and will win for the author the blessing of numberless women who are politicians' wives, who may profit by her observations, so cleverly stated.

Assisting at the reception were Miss Martindell, president of the club; Mrs. A. C. Muhle, Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin; Mrs. M. E. Driscoll, of New York State; Miss Dixon, of Nevada, and Mrs. George T. Wilson.

As pastime features of the Lenten season, society folks have planned a series of benefits for their net charities. The entertainment will take the form of skating parties each Monday afternoon in the salt lott of the navy yard. The Mayflower Band will be in attendance and an official hostess will receive the guests. Mrs. George von L. Meyer, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, will start the ball to rolling next Monday, when many dollars are expected for the Navy League as a result of the project. How profitable to others can our pastimes be made!

GRACE PORTER HOPKINS.

Concord Social News
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Concord, Va., March 4.—William Tanner, of Lynchburg, visited Eddie Carson, who resides near here, Sunday.
Professor John G. Fisher returned from Clifton Forge Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thornhill, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. William Crews last week.
Miss Gene Howerton was here Sunday, as the guest of Miss Zelma Carson.
Pomp Hudson, of Amherst county, has accepted a position here with his brother, W. E. Hudson, and will shortly move his family to this place.

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